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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Appl. No : 10/814,123 Confirmation No. : 8039  
Applicant : Zhang, et al.  
Filed : April 1, 2004  
Title : Protein Compatible Methods and Compounds for Controlling the  
Morphology and Shrinkage of Silica Derived from Polyol-Modified  
Silanes  
TC./A.U. : 1712  
Examiner : Kuo Liang Peng  
Docket No. : 571-932

**BY FACSIMILE**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Office Action of April 7, 2005. The Applicants are simultaneously filing a request for a one-extension of time, rendering the due date for this response August 7, 2005. Accordingly the response is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

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